Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended)   A method of increasing the available storage space in a memory comprising the steps of:

storing a first file in the memory, the first file including a plurality of individual sectors and being separate and self-contained from a second file stored in the memory first portion contained in a first physical memory area of the memory and a second portion contained in a second physical memory area of the memory and a third portion contained in a third physical memory area, the plurality sectors of the first file being configured to be linked together and presentable to a user as a complete audiovisual presentation, the sectors being portions of the presentation, the sectors being of substantially the same size;

defining in the memory a free memory list, the free memory list exclusively defining deallocated memory portions sectors, the free memory list being contained in a fourth physical area of the memory, the free memory list being configured to vary in size over time;

selecting a the first portion of the file presentation for deletion, the portion being smaller than the entire presentation, the beginning of the portion marked with a first deletion point and the end of the portion being marked with a second deletion point;

mapping the selected portion that is marked by the first deletion point and the second deletion point to one or more of the sectors within the first file; [and]

deallocating the first portion of the file one or more mapped sectors from the file and appending the deallocated first portion one or more mapped sectors of the file to the free memory list;

amending the first file to link the second portion of the file with the third portion remaining sectors of the file together so that the presentation can be presented to the user continuously and without substantially any time discontinuities.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the <u>first</u> file is an audio file or a video file.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the memory is a memory of a personal video recorder.

8-16. (Cancelled)